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CONGRATULATIONS, MARIE STACHLEWITZ A GOLDEN THANKS

Few persons could hope to match the enviable service record belonging to our beloved Miss Marie Stachlewitz. Fifty years have passed since the late Father Frank Kennedy, then pastor of St. John's, asked Marie to become temporary organist until a permanent one could be found. Since September 4, 1921, Marie has been more than an employee of St. John the Baptist Parish. In a very real sense, St. John's has been her love.

A daughter of the late John and Helena Stachlewitz, Marie was baptized in St. John's by Fr. Kennedy, As a young girl, Marie was a member of the parish children's choir, organized by Miss Clare Guinan, a music student at the Normal (now Eastern Michigan University). Under the direction of Miss Guinan, Marie made her public debut as a vocalist during an operetta entitled "Queen of the Flowers", presented by the children's choir on our church grounds. When Miss Guinan graduated from college and left Ypsilanti, the young debutante was requested to continue playing for the choir.

Marie received her musical training at Ypsilanti High School, St. Thomas High School, Ann Arbor and at the Normal. She might have inherited a bit of musical talent too. Her maternal grandfather was a church organist and two cousins were violinists in Berlin, Germany.

Nevertheless, her public debut as organist was not an easy experience. With little actual experience at the organ and with no knowledge of Latin, Marie was given three days to prepare for a Monday morning Latin High Mass which Fr. Kennedy had requested her to play and chant. Fr. Kennedy had attempted to calm Marie's hesitant fears, telling her that he would pause during the Mass when a response was expected from her. Following directions faithfully, Marie sonorously chanted AMEN each time the aging pastor tried to catch his breath. Today, Marie has

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THE PRIVILEGED HOUR....

by Father King

'Roles 'n Goals' might most aptly explain what we hope to accomplish by our four days in the north country away from distractions of the parish center. We are situated in two cottages overlooking Walloon Lake, near Petoskey; it is very quiet and uninterrupted; a place where, hopefully, we shall be able to collect our thoughts and make plans for a very fruitful and meaningful year for ourselves as a team and for the people of St. John's whom we want to serve to the best of our abilities.

'Roles' are a very important area of concern because the year finds all of us in very different situations. Sr. Carol Schlarman will have many adjustments to make as she leaves the position of Elementary Principal and assumes a new role in the parish ministry. Sr. Mary O'Connell will have a similar adjustment, because she has been Principal of St. John's Elementary School in Albion; her adjustment will be further complicated by a new living situation. Sr. Carol Denise will find new responsibilities not only in the rea of teaching in the high school program, but also in rendering assistance in the parish office. Sr. Jacqueline will find her role very much the same but more involved as her programs develop. Sr. Cathy could not join us because she is attending classes at Eastern; she also will find new responsibilities as she assists us in the parish office and in the Pre-School program. The roles that Father Harvey and I have exercised will also be influenced as we share the responsibilities that now may be more effectively discharged as they are distributed among

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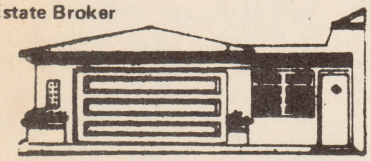

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experienced too many such emergencies to become rattled any more. Her ability to act during crises no doubt has helped her maintain equilibrium during her many years around the church and rectory.

Marie has provided music and song for countless weddings and funerals, in addition to the daily and Sunday Masses. During the construction of the present Church, she accompanied the daily Mass celebrated in the old grade school and on Sunday would go to the Wuerth Theater downtown where St. John's congregation worshiped at that time. She has played and sung the Funeral Mass in homes of the deceased parishioners as well as in City Hall when the funeral of the late Justice of the Peace, Martin Stadtmiller, husband of Mabel Stadtmiller, was held there. Oftentimes, we hear Marie comment after a wedding, that she remembers playing for the grandparent's wedding of today's newly-weds.

Beside serving the parish as organist and choir director, our honored jubilarian has served as parish bookkeeper, secretary, and cook. In spite of the many hours she spends in our own rectory, she continues to balance the books of many other parishes in the area as well as providing her musical services when need arises.

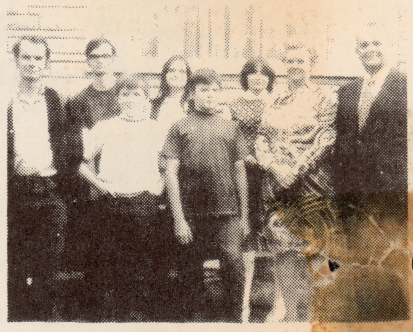
In her free time, gardening at the family homestead on Railroad Street serves as her recreation. More recently, she has tried her steady hand at carpentry. (Her grand-niece, six-year-old Michele Marsh was heard to remark recently, "Why does Aunt Mimi do man's work?"). One only surmises that work is not foreign to Marie Stachlewitz.

To honor Marie and express our gratitude to her, a Concelebrated Golden Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in her honor next Sunday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. in our church. A parish reception will be held that afternoon from 1:00 p.m until 2:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. All parishioners and her many friends are invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving and the reception. Some forty priests who have known Marie's loyalty and devotion have been invited to share an Anniversary Dinner with Marie and her family. Marie's family includes two sisters with whom she lives, Ann and Helen, two other sisters, Mrs. Esther Francis and Mrs. Martha Bemis. Three brothers, Paul, George and Leo, have all passed away during the past three years.

In a spirit of thanksgiving, we can pray with the author of Proverbs: *"Many Women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all! Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.*

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates."

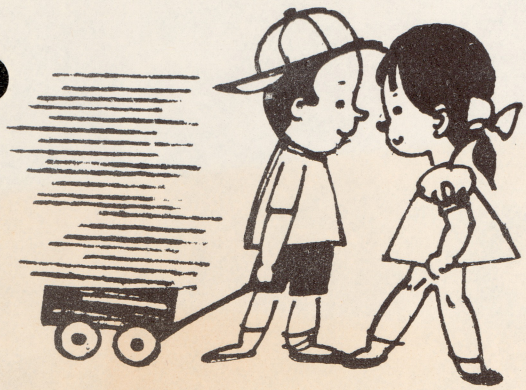
D.W.H.

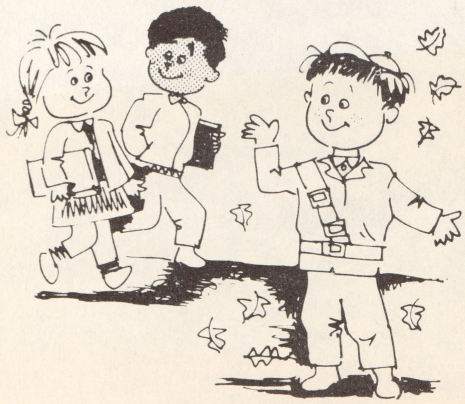


THE HONES FAMILY MOVES TO ALBION

Albion has given us Sr. Mary O'Connell, as we indicated in the "Ypsi Catholic" last week; it is now taking from us the Don Hones Family, pictured above. Don and Leonilla Hones have been active in St. John's Parish for the past twenty-six years, and nine of their eleven children were baptized at St. John's -- Gregory, Karen, Mary, Gerard, Sarah, Agnes, Donald, Luke, and Thomas. Five children will move to Albion with the family, but Kay Ellen is living in Detroit, Tim plans to seek a teaching position probably in Colorado; Greg is in Ann Arbor and Karen in Chicago. So, it appears that Don and Leonilla are moving the central office to Albion. The move was actually caused by Don's promotion within the Eagle Picher Industries and consequent transfer from the Fabricon Division in River Rouge to Controller in the Union Steel Products Division with headquarters in Albion.

Mrs. Hones has been active in





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The following programs will be offered at St. John's:

PROGRAMS	DAY	TIME
Co-op Baby Sitting Service	Sunday (during Mass)	9:00-10:00 11:00-12:00
Pre-School Religion Program	Sunday	9:00-10:00
Elementary Program A (transportation provided)	Released Time (during school day)	Various Times
Elementary Program B	Wednesday	4:30-5:30 pm
High School Program	Sunday Evenings	
	Youth Mass	7:00 pm
	Instruction	8:00 pm

If a Junior High Student needs transportation and cannot walk home, transportation will be provided at drop-off centers near their homes. We hope most of them can provide their own.

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The students will carry their lunch on the day that they have Religious Instruction. Milk machines and pop machines will be available in the Student Lunch Room. Lunch mothers will be supervising the lunch period. As the program develops, we hope to have snacks and hot lunches once in awhile.

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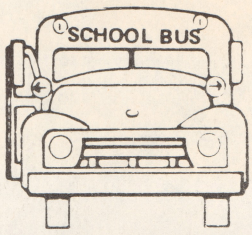
Please keep this schedule for future reference.

RELEASED TIME SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY PROGRAM A

Program begins the week of September 27th.

First Noon Session	Grades 1, 3, 5	
Pick-up at Public Schools	10:40	
Class	11:00 to 12:00	
Lunch at St. John's	12:00-12:15	Public School Lunch Time 11:21-12:30
Leave the Center	12:15	
Arrival at the Public School	12:30	
Grade 1 on Monday	Grade 3 on Tuesday	Grade 5 on Wednesday
Second Noon Session	Grades 2, 4, 6	
Pick-up at Public Schools	11:21	
Lunch at St. John's	11:50	
Class	12:15 to 1:15	
Leave the Center	1:15	
Arrival at Public Schools	1:30	
Grade 2 on Monday	Grade 4 on Tuesday	Grade 6 on Wednesday
Junior High Session	Thursday Afternoons	Grades 7 & 8
Pick-up at Schools	12:54	
Lunch at St. John's	1:10 to 1:20	
Class	1:20 to 2:20	
Leave the center	2:30	



various works of the Altar Society and Don has occupied offices in the Dads' Club, Home-School Association, and the Executive Board of the Parish; it is in this capacity that I first had the privilege of meeting Don and learned to lean on him quite heavily as we attempted to resolve the financial problems that beset us. Don's calm, calculating mind provided much light when often there was a danger of more heat; his quite manner provided much support when often there was much uncertainty.

The contribution this family has made to our parish is deeply appreciated and will be sorely missed as we experience their absence among us. We are grateful to them and pray that their new home will bring them much happiness and joy in the years to come. Their address will be 1104 Burr Oak, Albion, Michigan.

The Koch and Soraruf Families provided a farewell dinner for them Sunday, and the above picture was taken on that occasion.

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ourselves.

The 'Roles', understandably, can be properly understood only if 'Goals' and objectives are dearly defined. At first glance it would seem that goals and objectives should be quite clear for a parish; but in this moment of time, when so much dynamic is present in our world and, consequently, in our church, the goals and objectives must be very carefully studied.

The results of our efforts will be shared with the Parish Council this Monday, and we will seek from these members further insights and different perspectives so that our parish community will become more and more the instrument of Christ's mission in this privileged hour.

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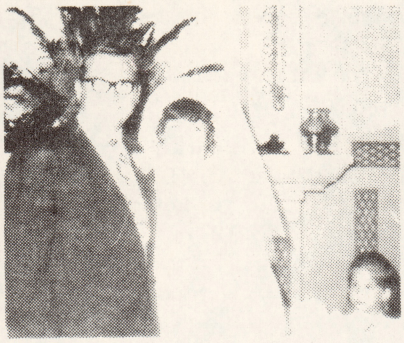

PARISH NUPTIALS

On Saturday, September 11, Mr. Timothy A. Willibey and Miss Linda I. Leininger exchanged their life-vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father King.

The new groom, a member of the Ypsilanti Police Department, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Willibey of Ypsilanti. The bride is the daughter of the Alfred Leiningers, also of Ypsilanti.

The newly-weds will reside in Ypsilanti.

Our wishes for many years of happiness go out to them.

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Sunday, September 19
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9:00 am Kevin and Chris McCarthy
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7:00 pm Matt Chiodini and Gerald Sullivan
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26
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Tom Weishoar and Larry Dupuis
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Jerry Moses and David Gallesero
Saturday, September 25
Tom Geiner and Paul Buchard
Sunday, September 26
7:00 am Rick Steeby and Greg Gillman
9:00 am Jerry Sullivan and John Madigan
11:00 am Ronald Bureau and Joe Slater
7:00 pm Mark Brown and Paul McLeod

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 25, 1971
7:00 p.m. . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, September 26, 1971
7:00 a.m. . . . . D. Racine
9:00 a.m. . . . . D. Stokes
11:00 a.m. . . . . R. Kuhl
7:00 p.m. . . . . N. Pavlovich

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 25, 1971
7:00 p.m. . . . . C. Budinger
SUNDAY, September 26, 1971
7:00 a.m. . . . . F. Wawrzaszek
9:00 a.m. . . . . P. Stokes
11:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wheeler
7:00 p.m. . . . . G. Short

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 20, 1971
7:00 am Charles and Leonea Stoll (Anniv.), req. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stein
TUESDAY, September 21, 1971
7:00 am Nina Greening, req. by Vera Heim and Wayne and Helen Harvey
WEDNESDAY, September 22, 1971
7:00 am Mary Margaret Eustace, req. by The Family
THURSDAY, September 23, 1971
7:00 am Tom Waling, Jr., req. by Mr. & Mrs. Owen Koch
FRIDAY, September 24, 1971
7:00 am John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by the Joe Nanry Family
SATURDAY, September 25, 1971
9:00 am Helena Stachlewitz, 25th Anniv., req. by The Family
7:00 pm Mary M. Bath, req. by Mary M. Bath
SUNDAY, September 26, 1971
7:00 am Richard Yargeau, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Larry McBride
9:00 am Golden Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving - Marie Stachlewitz
11:00 am Mary M. Bath, req. by Mary M. Bath

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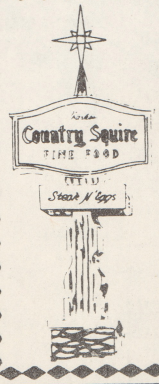

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